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Amendments to the Abstract:

In a an organic EL (electroluminescent) display device, which ~~comprises~~ has a substrate having a first principal surface and a second principal surface opposed to the first principal surface and ~~an~~ a light emitting material layer formed at the first principal surface of the substrate, ~~the present invention forms~~ a light absorption layer is provided for absorbing light ~~of~~ in a wavelength band lying between 350nm and 410nm. This light absorption layer is provided ~~at~~ the second principal surface of the substrate ~~to be opposite to~~ the light emitting material layer and operates to shield the light emitting material layer from the light of the aforementioned wavelength band, which is selectively absorbed by the light emitting material layer. In this way, deterioration of ~~and deteriorates~~ the light emitting material layer can be avoided, so that the organic EL display device can ~~keep~~ maintain a sufficient display brightness thereof ~~sufficiently~~ even after being irradiated with excessive external light.